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ON LUSITANIA **GOES TODAY TO** BERNSTORFF

Secretary Lansing to Lay Before Ambassador Answer to Berlin Proposals For Settlement of Controversy.

Arrangements Made For Conference Following Brief Meeting of Cabinet At the White House.

President Wilson's answer to the latest proposal from Berlin for a settlement of the Lusitania controversy will be laid before Count von Bernstorff this afternoon by Secretary of State Lan-Arrangements to that end were made following the Cabinet

Although it was stated that it was unlikely that a definite anwas unlikely that a definite announcement would be made today the statement is expected within the next twenty-four hours.

are optimistic. They describe the situation as "hopeful." It is stated that it may not be necessary to have any further exchanges between the two governments before a settlement is reached.

SHORT CABINET SESSION.

The Cabinet meeting was one of the shortest held in some time. Discussion of the Lusitania issue was brief, but nembers approved the position of the President. All of the members expressed optimism as they left the White

Previous to the meeting the President and Secretary Lansing held an hour's

ronference at the White House.

The Germany ambassador confidently expects a mettlement before the end of the week. He has gone so far as to the week. He has gone so far as to the ment practically has been effected. From administration quarters, how-er, the hint is thrown out that there may be other exchanges. There is a disposition in some quarters to believe that Count Von Bernstorff has some-

the weather, "It must be awful cold in the

America's Demand. The chief point on which the United States is insisting is that the German implied admission of this.

Americans killed has been fully aviators, in the Aranic note of September 1, the torms note from Germany since One let the Lusitania note of July 21, the German government gave pleages of future conduct that were considered as satisfactor, when it said that "liners will not be sunk by our submarines without cathing and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the ners do not try to escape or ofter re-

what the I nited States desires to obain out of the submarine negotiations. Ith Germany is a new expression of rternational mea, binging on all beilimits in which submarine operations

Big German Bankers Oppose Disavowal of Lusitania Sinking

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

SERLIN (via Amsterdam). Feb. 8 .-Leading German bankers and financiers with large interests in America likely to be affected by a break between the two countries, are standing firmly be-hind the foreign office, in its refusal to disayow the sinking of the Lustania. The latest reports from America, in-dicating the crisis may already have passed, were reflected on the stock mar-ket, where all better left the d by the tronger during testere s transfer factor for the fa official confirmation eptimistic. The translating the first from Seventeenth street to Mt. Please American business mean in Germany, Commissioners in a report sent to Consider the struction at Weshington, for an extension would east approximately beating to Ambassador Genral to tell \$15.000 the Commissioners as They beating to Several visited the believe so great an expense could not be compared to the several visited the believe so great an expense could not be compared to the constant of t them what to do Several visited the tallieve so great an expense could not be embarsy today. Cherks were how equivably assessed against the proporty coswering messages by telegraph and relegiblence from Americans in order decreases the entry of the same sides who have heard that a sideration by congress a provision for exploratio break is likely and are asking the embasse to delive them whether the should prepare to leave Germany. The embasse is not attempting to advise the missage is not attempting to advise the missage is not attempting to advise the missage is not attempting to advise the missage. g the duliaset to advise them when this is should prepare to leave flermany. The embases is not attempting to advise inquirers.

time any of these inquirers.

Aviation Corps Officer Who Is Under Charges



LIEUT. COL. L. F. GOODIER.

Officials at the White House Sweeping Investigation of Avia tion Service May Result From the Charges.

> sent to President Wilson the verder in the recent court-martial proceedings to San Francisco against Lieut Col. Lexis F. Goodier, judge advocate, who was charged with having attempted to mterfere with the work of the army aviation school at San Diego.

The verdict carries a sentence, indicate what the sentence is until the President passes on the case One result of the court-martial proceedings may be a sweeping investiga-tion of the army aviation service as a result of charges against army court-martial pro-

case. In one of these letters Colonel Reber is quoted as advising Captain Cowan, in charge of the San Piego avicowan, in charge of the San Diego axisting further up his sleeve which would meet the exact language the United States wishes put into the agreement.

Scoretary Lansing, on his way to the White House, refused to comment on the probable attitude of the United States. He seemed more interested in the weather.

Cowan, in charge of the San Diego axistion school, to have certain officers qualify as soon as possible so that they would be eligible to draw flying on "All you have to do," a letter from Colonel Reber, introduced at the trial, said, "is to sit tight and draw your pay."

pay.

Lieutenant Colonel Goodier's son
was injured while tiying at San
Diego. Thereafter Colonel Goodier accused in court-martial ceedings of having written letters to other officers in the aviation service urging the to life charges against government shall acknowledge that the Captain Cowan, Among charges made carrying noncombatants, women and conducts, as in contraveation of international law. Germany has made an experimental contraveation of international law. Germany has made an experiment of international law. this. a flight in these machines, although

"Just Keep Quiet."

One letter from Colorel Reber to aptain Cowan with reference to the charges against the latter, according to testimony at the trial, said: "All you have to do is to keep quiet I think I'll get one or two scalps be-fore I get through with this. Let me

handle this matter alone."

The names of Colonel Reber and Captain Cowan having been brought into the Goodier court-martial there were reports today that when the verdict is announced in the Goodier case steps will be taken to investigate charges against the army avia-tion service.

OPPOSE EXTENSION OF KENYON STREET

Commissioners Recommend Unfavorable Report on Senate Measure.

Extension of Kenyon street northwest,

ARMOR PLATE BUSINESS MEN HOUSE BOD PLANTS DEFIED OF U. S. CHEER APPROVES IDEA BY SENATORS DEFENSE PLAN OF HOME RULE

Tillman Bill Despite Factories' Threats.

Price of Plate Will Be Increased President Wilson Will Make Ad- Also Favors Those Changing If Measure Passes. He De-

clares.

voted in favor of Government ma utacture of armor plate, and order-Tillmann armor plate factory At the same time, the two naval bills passed the House yesterday af- and today. ordered reported. One bill number of cadets at Anand the other provides for imso as to facilitate conof new decadnaughts.

plate interests may be precess the result of what some of remmittee regard as an effort of the artium plate companies to hold up the Government. Senator Penrose served committee that he had plate business at antemplated naval pre

Would Mean \$24,000,000 As the Government will need about

mean \$21 into our added expense. This threat not only did not deter the committee from action, but Senator Tillman clearly resented it. He said it was a good thing to remember. The Government has the power of of War Garrison totay private platfa. the threat to increase

> nimor plate As to the bill to increase cadets of lonnociti and the bill for improvements amounting to \$100,000 at the Grooklyn navy yard, and \$500,000 at Mure Island yard, these were reported to the Sengte this afternoon by Sength

afor Tillman and prompt action arked for. This was by instruction of the committee Action of the committee is considered

place plants now existent. That is, it might purchase the Bethlehem plant. the Midvale plant or the Carnegle Senster Tillman, chairman of the mittee, pointed out that only the Bethlehe a and the Midvale had been repre-sented before the committee.

Coming right on the heels of the sentiment manifested in the House vester-day, when it tussed the two naval bills before it, the action of the Senate committee has created a profound impres-sion. It can be set down as conclusively The armor plate factory bill was amender so as to authorize the Secre-tary of the Navy to purchase or erect a factory or factories for manufacture of armor, the total annual capacity to be not less than 2006 form

be not less than 20,000 tons.

The appropriation carried is \$11,000,000.
Under the amendment the Secretary of the Navy could buy one plant and build one; could buy two or could build two as he saw fit. While he could provide for a single factory of 20,000 ton capacity, it is said by experts that two

ENGLAND MAY SEND CONFIDENTIAL ENVOY

Great Britain Thinks a "Colonel House" Might Lead to Understanding.

LONDON, Peb. 8-President Wilson's scheme of senting a confidential diploenvoy abroad has won such commatic envoy abroad has won such com-mendation that England is considering senting a "Colonel House" of her own to America, it was reported today. The foreign office, it was reported, is considering sending a skilled diplomat, well acquainted in America, to Wash-ington to present fresh views from Eng-land, just as Colonel House has ac-quainted American ambassadors abroad-and foreign officials with American of and foreign officials with American ofneial and unofficial sentiment. Such a course, it is believed, may smooth out some of the present difficul-

Newark's Birthday Fete

Provided Wilson today for fatively accompled an inclusion to attend the 250 m optical an inclusion to attend the 250 m optical and including was made by A. F. Shoemsker, N. I. May E. Die position was every complete at the product that the location is within an including provident A. V. Hambang, and feel of an allow. The board resident of Commerce. copied an inclination to attend the 250th nd if amivers it is the founding of Newbrk, enjoin N 1, May 14. The postation was exof the Chamber of Commerce.

Committee Favorably Reports U. S. Chamber of Commerce Committee Urges That Record-Applauds President Fahey's er of Deeds and Register of

BODY WARNED BY PENROSE WILL CONSIDER SITUATION REPORTS "FALSE AD" BILL

dress to Convention Which Opened Here Today.

Plea For Defense of Nation.

defense and preparedness" by John H. fourth session of the Chamber of Com-

President Fahey said the thought the entire country was centered on this subject, and a committee on preparedness would submit a report to the 700 preasure delegates attending the meeting Thurs- wills and delegates, who represent 300,000 business firms throughout the country, indicated that they agreed with President Fahey

on the importance of the subject President Wilson will address the delegates on preparedness Thursday eight, while "National Defense" will be the private companies would all get the subject of addresses by Secretary of eventually, and would require the the Navy Daniels and Secretary of War rument to pay \$200 a ton move or Garrison Thursday afternoon.

Reviews Growth.

Proparedness was mentioned by President Falley near the conclusion of his it was adopted annual address in which he reviewed armor for its five-year the history and growth of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and made a number of pointed remarks and but it is understood that President Wilhelpful comments for the promotion of the interests of business men.

I uring the course of his speech he said: "I believe American business men would be much more useful to their country and themselves if they were the speech to the speech he would be much more useful to their country and themselves if they were the speech he was an incidental discussion to the speech he would be much more useful to their country and themselves if they were the speech he was an incidental discussion to the speech he would be much more useful to their the speech he was an incidental discussion to the speech he was an incidental discussion to the speech he was an incidental discussion to the speech he would be much more useful to their measurements. The Government has the power of country and themselves if they were continuent domain," he said, "and if it be come an exessary can condemn the privace plants."

It said the threat is increase the said the power plate a "reled all second for the Government to not a rickly.

The Government country and themselves if they were less inclined toward partiagnship in dealing with great economic questions with some privace plants. The "laise edvertising" bill had to specify another thing we musiness men should see out externationly to discourage is the added that the get into the business its as quick as it can. The "laise edvertising" bill had to approve a presentative conferred the stockly.

The Government condemn the said it is increased to a condemn the privace of the passage was put over until the measure was put over until the measure was put over until the next meating of the committee.

The "laise edvertising" bill had to approvace thing with great economic questions and condemn the set of the privace of the listed that the several times with Chairman Johnson. Corporation Counsel Roger J. Whitford also discussed the measure with air. Johnson as possible.

As to the bill to increase cadets at anomal condemn the set of the political. He said Congress, taken by and large, was fairly representative of American the bill is drastic in its provisions, and proposes the bill to increase cadets at anomals and some weak and some statements regarding any article for the control of the passage as put over until the measure was put over until the dealing with great economic dealing with great economic questions.

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The "laise advertising the this measure was put over until the measu

citizenship, some weak and some statements regarding a strong," and said legislators had but sale within the District little time to devote to big questions because nine-tenths of their time was Language of

Department of Commerce is (Centinued on Second Page.)

ber, chief of the army aviation section on duty in the office of the chief of the c May Purchase Plant. It is possible the Government will ourchase one or more of the big armor HITS AT PROHIBITION

Dry District Plan.

The situation in the Senate toda, relative to the Sheppard bill for prohibition in the District is that both sides are in an attitude of "watchgul watting.

It is admitted in all quarters that if the bill is not recommitted the real test any person, firm, association, or corpois going to center about the proposition amend the bill by providing for a referendum.

That the vote on the proposed referendum will be close is expected both the opponents of the bill and its advo-

Senator Sheppard said today the real purpose of the referendum was to kill prohibition in the District and defeat the bill. He does not regard it possible, without adequate machinery, to have a real election in Washington.

There is no oversion of the purpose of the referendum movement," said senator Sheppard. "It is intended to kill prohibition in the District." Senator Sheppard does not deny there will be a close situation with respect to the referendum out he declares the majority of the Senate will vote for the bill if a test comes on the straight questhen of passage as it stands
it developed today that some members
of the Senate are sensitive about being
classed as focs of prohibit on because
they intend to work for a referendum,
just what effect this will have on the
situation remains to be seen

representatives of the frugglets. He has consented to make such minor changes in the bill os will meet their wishes one change which he has agreed to is to strike out the provision that a druggist has to present an affidayit personally to get grain alcohol from the whoselet.

This will be of outed so the affidayit

can be sent it of the druggist along rate case with his order. Excise Board Hears Protest on License months

Consideration was given by the Excise Injured in Fall; Dies Board at a hearing today to the appli-cation of M. J. Hurney for a transfer of hour, license from Mary J. Stanton administratrix of the estate of F. J. Stanton, at 135 Wisconsin avenue north-

Wills Be Washingtonians.

Method of Selecting Two Local Court Officials.

Bills to prohibit "false advertising" minutes greeted mention of "national in the District and to authorize the Fahey, at the opening session of the corder of deeds, and the Supreme Court of the District to appoint the register of wills, were reported favorably by the House District Committee today

The theory of ried out in amendments to the two by to the register of corrier of deeds. It the appointed to each of these offices shall be a bona fide resident of the iDstrict of Columbia This means that the appointee shall have lived in this city for at least The bill changing the method of the appointment of the recorder of deeds contained a recommendation of the Vinson subcommittee that the place should be lied by a local man. When the bill relating to the register of wills was reached. Congressman Mapes of fered an appendicent providing a resifered an amendment providing

President Willing.

I'nder existing law the President has had authority to fill these two offices,

some statements regarding any article for

Language of Bill.

The principal section of the bill reads: That it shall be unlawful in the Dis-trict of Columbia for any person, firm, association, corporation, or advertising agency, either directly or indirectly, to display or exhibit to t ehpuble in any mainer whatever, whether by land-placard, poster, picture, film, or otherplacard, poster, picture, film, or other-wise, or to insert or cause to be insert-ed in any newspaper, magazine, or other publication printed in the District of Columbia, or to issue, exhibit, or in any way distribute or disseminate to the public; or to deliver, exhibit, mail or send to any person, firm, associa-tion, or corporation any faise, untrue, or misleading statement, representation or adverligement with a fraudulent in-Senator Sheppard Says Real or advertisement with a fraudulent intent to deceive, mislead, or induce any person, firm, association, or corpora-Purpose of Vote Is to Kill tion to purchase, discount, or in any way invest in or accept as collateral security any bonds, bill, share of stock. note, warehouse, receipt, or any se-curity; or with the fraudulent purpose to deceive, mislead, or induce any person, firm, association, or corporation to purchase, make any loan upon or invest in any property of any kind; or use any of the aforesaid methods with ceive, mislead, or induce any other per son, firm, or corporation for ration so advertising such services."

BRANDEIS HEARINGS TO OPEN TOMORROW

Senator Chilton Calls For Public Sessions of Board on Confirmation.

Senator Sheppard has conferred with Fin public hearings tomorrow meening epresentatives of the truggists. He Senator Chilton is chairman of the subthe truggists. He Senator chilton is chairman of the sub-make such minor committee, and he has notified a number of persons to be in readiness to aphas bear.
Side Railroad Commissioner Clifford
Side State Railroad Commissioner Clifford

At Emergency Hospital

Taylor Ratcliff, sixty-nine years old taken to Emergency Hospital with a fractured skull Sunday, died early today.

Ratcliff was engineer at the McCill building He was injured when he fell down are areaway at his place of encwithin building He





B. JACKSON. Center-GEN, SIR WILLIAM ROB-

ERT ROBERTSON. Below-LORD KITCHENER.

LLOYD-GEORGE MAY

Mentioned For War Secretary Take the Field.

George, minister of munitions, is again building would improve it.

The Secretary takes pointed issue being mentioned as a possible successor with the c who have assailed the plant to Lord Kitchener, if "K. of K." steps out of the war office. Lord Derby, who directed the recent recruiting campaign. is another civilian whose name is connected with the position.

No confirmation of rumors of Kitchener's impending resignation is obtainable from any authoritative source. It

William over Kitchever's most important task, that of directing all military overatiors, and Sir Douglas Hais only recently became commander-in-chief of the British

forces in France.
A court circular announced that the king yesterday received in audience Premier Asquith, Sle Henry Jackson. and Maj. Gen. Charles Edward Callwell.
Mr. Asouith is president of the linperial defense committee. Sir Henry Jackson is first sea lord, and General Callwell is director of military intelli-

munitions no more important chance in the functions of the secretary for war has taken place."

Dakota Bishop Named. ROME. Feb. s. The Dr. Rev. Gol-

cont derence Lander, consillary bishop offenders against Vashington's sky of St Paul, has been a abouted Pishop one, namely, the two huge black from a Lend S D it was announced at the stacks of the Potomac Electric Power fell of St. Paul, bus been a silvated Pishop Vatican today.

Report of Secretary of Treasury to Conferees on Deficiency Bill Scores Foes of Heat Plant Site.

Declares Fine Arts Commission Criticisms Are Not in Accordance With the Facts in the Case.

"The worst offenders against Washington's sky line, are the two huge black stacks of the Potomac Electric Power Company, which rise to an elevation of 200 feet above Pennsylvania avenue and the Mall."

This declaration was made by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today in a report to the conferces on the urgent deficiency bill, who are considering the power plant

In the report, requested by Senator Martin, after the conferees had visited the site of the central heating, lighting and power plant which is in controversy, the Secretary calls attentions that defeat of the Government project might mean enlargement of the plant which he characterized as the worst offender against the sky

ISSUE WITH CRITICS

The power contians a proposal to enlarge its plant to supply steam to the At Top-ADMIRAL SIR MENRY Government, he declared, contemplated an investment of \$390,000, which the Government would eventually have to take over in enlargement of the Mall area. thus having a plant adjacent to the Mail. The Secretary intimates that this would probably transpare if the power plant project is killed.

The Secretary says that the agency which has prompted opposition to the power plant project is unknown to him. He transmits drawings and photographs to demonstrate that the new plant SUCCEED KITCHENER to demonstrate that the new plant would be invisible from the new plant the observation points from which the Page Arts Commission said it would be

Taking shary issue with critics of the plant's location at Thirteenth and Water streets sourcest, on eathetic grounds, the Secretary declares that an audacious effort has been made to Should Present Minister arouse resentment against an alleged effort to outrage esthetic sensibilities, on fulse grounds. Secretary McAdoo visited tell site of

the power plant late vectordal, and after an inspection de lared that oppo-LONDON. Feb 5.-David Lioyd- plant was preposterous, as an amodern

> on esthetic grounds Mr. McAdoo's Report. Before proceeding to a detailed his-

tory of the various legislative steps in connection with this project, I desire to call your attention to the following facts. By some agency unknown to me is generally agreed that if he quits his immediated the country to arouse archinew post will be in Egypt or Mesopotamia.

Two Scotchmen, it is pointed out today are new directing the chief operations of Great Britain's armies. Sir Robertson has taken power plantis to be erected on the entort to outrage the esthetic sensionsthese of the people of the country. The fact is faul the central neating, lighting and power plant was authorized by the Congress for the explicis purpose of removing the object made conditions become to

'It will, in fact, achieve that result The power house will be located on an air line one mile and an eighth from the Callwell is director of military intelli-ence.

Special significance is belie ed to atoperations.

The same and the stress of the same and fell of Mr. Brandles in the Lastern a twance tee sail Mr. There might be the first witness. Indications are that the contest over Mr. Brandles will run for many weeks. Some predict no vote for three or four months.

The same and the same and the war of the war of Engraying and Printing in will be invision (on the White House grounds, it will be invision to the subcommittee sail Mr. There might be the first witness. Changes of great importance in the direction of war are contemplated, says inground and and from the caprol and and supported that the chief of staff shall be respectively. structures of the and and new Bureau ment regarding military operations, the bases arising from their individual, and the smoke and ment regarding military operations, the bases arising from their individual, and in many cases, imperfed generating plants. The proposed power house munitions no more important chance will be empiped with modern smoke consuming apparatus, which will absothery do away with shoke nuisances at that point, thereby accomplishing the best result of eliminating the entire smoke nuisances so far as the Federa buildings are concerned. It will not

ompany at Fourteenth and B stronts